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By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, petition of Barbara A. L'Italien and others relative to authorizing cities, towns and districts to provide group health insurance benefits to employees and retirees through the Group Insurance Commission. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Barbara A. L'Italien                      Stephen Kulik  
Steven A. Tolman

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES THROUGH THE GROUP INSURANCE COMMISSION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1     Section 19(f) of Chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2     in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
- 3     the third sentence in line 155 the following sentence:
- 4     Where the agreement reached between the appropriate govern-
- 5     mental unit and the public employee committee provides the same
- 6     choice as to health carriers and coverage as is made available to
- 7     state employees, such subscribers shall be in the same pool as
- 8     other state employees and retirees, their dependents and survivors,
- 9     for all purposes, including determining the total cost of coverage
- 10    and overall claims experience.